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NOTICE TO NEWSPAPER EDITORS: NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS NEWS BE PRINTED UNDER THE TITLE "ACA FARM NEWS." ACA MEANS AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION ONE OF WHICH EXISTS IN EACH COUNTY.

PROTEIN SET-ASIDE CONTINUES

Continuation of the recently re-instated protein set-aside order and new restrictions on the use of protein meal to last through February have been announced by the Department of Agriculture. Designed to improve the distribution of scarce protein meal among feeders in a scarce supply area which includes New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma, the regulations ear-mark for distribution as directed by Department officials five per cent of all oilseed meal processed.

While expecting that the set-aside will improve distribution, Department feed specialists state that the basic problem is a lack of enough protein feed in the country to take care of the present heavy livestock and poultry populations.

WOOL PROGRAM IS EXTENDED

Assurance of market for the 1946 wool clip in line with prices received in 1945 has been given producers through the extension to November 1 by the Commodity Credit Corporation of the wool purchase program.

Normal trade channels are used for purchasing, selling, and handling the wool, and USDA appraisers grade and determine the value of each lot. Besides supporting the price, it is believed that purchases under the program will encourage orderly marketing.

COTTON CEILINGS NOT LIKELY IN '46

Ceilings will not be imposed on the 1946 crop of raw cotton if the price becomes stabilized, Price Administrator Chester Bowles, has stated. Recent announcement of proposed ceiling prices on raw cotton is a "technical procedure," he explained, since advance notice to growers must be given at least 15 days

before the normal planting season. Without such a notice, establishing ceilings later in the year would have been legally impossible, regardless of what happened to cotton prices.

CONSERVATION NEED GREAT

The last annual report of the AAA (now combined with other agencies in the Production and Marketing Administration) points out that post-war years must bring increased conservation of soil productivity on the individual farms of the Nation.

Pointing out that millions of acres were over-cropped and over-grazed to get the farm production which hastened victory, N. E. Dodd of the Department of Agriculture recommends increased conservation efforts to make up the fertility that was sent to war.

TRUMAN ON SUBSIDIES

The Prsident of the United States has offered the following analysis of the food subsidy situation for consideration by farmers:

"NONE OF US likes subsidies. Our farmers, in particular, have always been opposed to them. But, I believe our farmers are as deeply conscious as any group in the land of the havoc which inflation can create. Certainly, in the past 18 months there has been no group which has fought any harder in support of the Government's price-control program. I am confident that, if the facts are placed before them and if they see clearly the evils between which we are forced to choose, they will understand the reasons why subsidies must be continued."

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